

TRANSITIONAL WORDS & PHRASES: homework worksheet

Exercise #1: Writing Your Own Paragraph Using Transitions

Write a paragraph in which you classify the academic subjects you enjoy, subjects you have studied or are now studying in school. (I suggest beginning by classifying subjects by dividing them into general categories, like science, foreign-language, math, geography, etc. Then, you can get more specific; for example, you could list chemistry, calculus, Spanish, etc.) Then, describe one of the courses/subjects, giving details about what you learned in the class. Use transitions to add information, to show effects or results, to present examples, etc. You may handwrite this assignment in the space provided below. (Just please make sure I can read your writing.)

Exercise #2: Choose the Transition that Best Expresses the Relationship Between Sentences

1. Polls show that Tony Blair is the most popular prime minister of England during this century. _____, There are even members of his own political party who are uneasy with his approach to economic issues.

In particular However For instance

2. There are some slight variations in temperature, but _____ 26° to 27° should be expected.

Consequently Otherwise As a rule

3. The two main Channel Islands, _____, Jersey and Guernsey, are much closer to France than to England.

For example Namely In particular

4. It was announced that nurses' working hours would be increased by 25 percent. _____, even fewer trainee nurses are expected to join the profession.

As a result So that Likewise

5. Sales of CDs have experienced a small but steady fall over the past five years. _____, vinyl records have seen a substantial increase in their share of the music sales market, up to 3 percent.

Above all Correspondingly Similarly

6. The Vice President explained that because of the current financial situation and because of the company's bad debts, it will be necessary to freeze salaries at their current level for all staff members. _____, no one will get a pay raise for at least two years.

Nevertheless In other words Similarly

7. It is clear, therefore, that the economic situation in Brazil will improve slowly. _____, the economic problems that Japan is experiencing, the outlook is slightly more optimistic.

Furthermore In comparison With reference to

8. In order to try to reduce car use in cities, the government has announced new restrictions on company parking spaces and _____ a new tax on individual car use will be implemented.

As well as In addition In the same way

9. Essays must be handed in by the due date. _____, they will not be accepted.

Obviously Otherwise As a result

10. _____ it has been shown that damage to the wood can occur at high temperatures, the usefulness of the material should not be overlooked.

Nevertheless Because Even though

Exercise #3: Using Your Handout on Transitions, Write in the Most Appropriate Transition.

ADDITION

1. Horror movies are our favorite genre; _____, we also enjoy psychological thrillers.
2. My brother broke his leg and _____ he also bruised three ribs.
3. My friend speaks Korean and English. _____, she is learning Chinese.
4. Cheating is dishonest. _____, it defeats the purpose of taking courses to obtain knowledge.
5. Students should be on time. They should be prepared for class _____.

EXEMPLIFICATION

1. I have been to many countries. _____, I have been to Chile, Russia, Mexico, and South Africa.
2. He often eats strange foods. He once ate cow brains _____.
3. I like to travel. _____, I enjoy places with natural beaches and beautiful rainforests.
4. I love fruit. _____, I like bananas, pineapple, and strawberries the most.
5. My friend hates skiing for several reasons. _____, she dislikes being cold and she often falls.

CONTRAST

1. Billy earned a 4.0 on his essay. _____, Susie got a 3.0.
2. We wanted to leave at 8:00 a.m. _____, our driver did not arrive until 9:30 a.m.
3. Students can enroll in traditional classes. _____, they can also enroll in online classes.
4. I am not going out tonight. _____, I will stay home and watch a movie.
5. Women usually enjoy shopping. _____, men often dislike shopping.

EXCEPTION

1. He knows that he should do his homework; _____ studying for tests, he does not do his work.
2. I need to wear reading glasses. _____ I hate how I look in them.
3. I know you don't like to study most subjects. _____ English class, you detest all other subjects.
4. Sam enjoys exercising regularly. _____ jogging, she loves all other physical activities.
5. My history books are difficult to read. _____ the memoir *Night*, I find the others boring as well.

SIMILARITY

1. Math was hard for me in high school. _____, I had a difficult time with math in college.
2. Jonathon did well on his exam. _____, his study partners also got excellent scores.
3. Houseplants require a lot of care and attention. _____, outdoor plants also require proper care.
4. Pottery takes much practice and skill. _____, learning to write well requires a lot of practice.
5. Regular exercise _____ good nutrition will ensure a long and healthy life.

RESULTS/CONSEQUENCE

1. Janet passed the test; _____, she is very happy and wants to celebrate.
2. Tim was too late to catch the train. _____, he could not go to the concert with us.
3. James is not feeling well; _____, he will not be at work today.
4. I forgot that the cake was in the oven for too long. _____, it burned.
5. Tina lost her car keys. _____, she could not drive home and had to take the bus instead.

SEQUENCE/TIME

1. I think that using a variety of study habits is important. _____, I read instructions very carefully.
2. I believe that she is a very good student. She wasn't the greatest student _____ though.
3. I was quizzing my friend on vocabulary words. _____, I was also learning the words.
4. She truly deserved the scholarship. We should have awarded more than scholarship _____.
5. My daughter lost her job last month. _____, I began helping her financially as much as I could.

EMPHASIZING

1. The bookstore sells greeting cards. _____, the sell birthday cards.
2. James is the first person I have known who has been to Africa. He _____ loved South Africa.
3. He is always late for class for many reasons. _____, he often forgets to set his alarm.
4. The plan needed only two things to succeed, _____ time and money.
5. _____ details, she has become a skilled writer who can create beautiful images with her words.